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1. PARAGRAPH 2, SECTION A OF REFTEL:

A. DATE OF DESCRIPTION OF AGREEMENTS BY CATEGORY
ENFORCEMENT

(1) NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE PRO-AG, 114.1 MARCH 22, 1974,
TO MARCH 21, 1975 (MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT AND POLICE).

(2) CUSTOMS MILITARY POLICE PRO-AG, 114.2 JUNE 28, 1974,
TO DECEMBER 15, 1974 (MINISTRY OF FINANCE).

(3) DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTIC CONTROL PRO-AG, 114.3 JUNE 27,
1974, TO MAY 31, 1975 (MINISTRY OF HEALTH).

B. TOTAL OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
(JULY 1, 1974 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1974)

(1) OBLIGATIONS

(A) NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE 114.1

TOTAL OBLIGATION FOR PRO-AG PERIOD 160.2

(B) CUSTOMS MILITARY POLICE 114.2

TOTAL OBLIGATION FOR PRO-AG PERIOD 78.5

(C) DEPT. OF NARCOTIC CONTROL 114.3

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TOTAL OBLIGATION FOR PRO-AG PERIOD 53.0

(2) EXPENDITURES DURING REPORTING PERIOD

(A) NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE 114.1

1) PERSONNEL	14,813	
2) EQUIPMENT	61,978	
3) CONTRACT SERVICES: NONE	0	
4) OTHER COSTS	5,000	
5) TRAINING: CENTRALLY FUNDED	0	

(B) CUSTOMS MILITARY POLICE 114.2

1) PERSONNEL	15,828	
2) EQUIPMENT	79,179	
3) CONTRACT SERVICES: NONE	0	
4) OTHER COSTS:	2,665	
5) TRAINING: CENTRALLY FUNDED	0	

(C) DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL 114.3

1) PERSONNEL: NONE (CARRIED UNDER 114.1)		
2) EQUIPMENT: NONE		
3) CONTRACT SERVICES: NONE		
4) OTHER COSTS: NONE		
5) TRAINING: NONE		

C. EQUIPMENT

(1) NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE 114.1

1) INVESTIGATION EQUIPMENT	12,323	
2) TRAINING EQUIPMENT	1,514	
3) RADIO EQUIPMENT	31,718	
4) WEAPONS	7,351	
5) VEHICLES	9,071	

(B) IN PIPELINE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD

1) INVESTIGATION EQUIPMENT	0	
2) TRAINING EQUIPMENT	0	
3) RADIO EQUIPMENT	3,840	
4) WEAPONS	0	
5) VEHICLES	59,095	

(2) CUSTOMS MILITARY POLICE 114.2

(A) DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

1) INVESTIGATION EQUIPMENT	1,508	
2) TRAINING EQUIPMENT	0	
3) RADIO EQUIPMENT	21,596	
4) WEAPONS	660	
5) VEHICLES	55,415	

(B) IN PIPELINE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD

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1) INVESTIGATION EQUIPMENT	0	
2) TRAINING EQUIPMENT	0	
3) RADIO EQUIPMENT	27,933	
4) WEAPONS	0	
5) VEHICLES	0	

(3) DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS CONTROL 114.3

(Q) DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD

1) INVESTIGATION EQUIPMENT	0	
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2) TRAINING EQUIPMENT 0
3) RADIO EQUIPMENT 0
4) WEAPONS 0
5) VEHICLES 0

(B) IN PIPELINE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD

1) LABORATORY EQUIPMENT 38,700
2) TRAINING EQUIPMENT 0
3) RADIO EQUIPMENT 0
4) WEAPONS 0
5) VEHICLES 8,000

D. SUPPORT COSTS: NONE KNOWN

E. NUMBER AND TYPE OF PEOPLE TRAINED

(1) NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE 114.1

(A) AID "IN-COUNTRY" POLICE TRAINING SUPPORTED BY
PRO-AG FUNDING

1) POLICE OFFICERS 53
2) POLICE TROOPS 370

(B) AID "U.S. TRAINING"

1) POLICE OFFICERS 0

(C) DEA "U.S. TRAINING"

1) POLICE OFFICERS 3

(2) CUSTOMS MILITARY POLICE 114.2

(A) AID "IN-COUNTRY TRAINING"

1) CUSTOMS OFFICERS 50
2) CUSTOMS TROOPS 50

(B) CUSTOMS "IN-COUNTRY TRAINING"

1) CUSTOMS OFFICERS 21
2) CUSTOMS TROOPS 32

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F. NUMBER OF U.S. PERSONNEL AT POST AS OF 12/31/74
DEVOTING MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF TIME TO NARCOTICS
CONTROL: AID 1; CUSTOMS 2; AND DEA 5.

2. PARAGRAPH 3, SECTION B OF REFTEL

IN THE PERIOD JUNE 30, 1974 TO DECEMBER 30, 1974:

A. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS: MOST SIGNIFICANT HAS BEEN
THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN ARRESTS AND SEIZURES NOT ONLY
FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD BUT FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR RECORDED
BY THE NATIONAL CIVIL POLICE. ALSO HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT
HAS BEEN THE PASSAGE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE NARCOTICS LAW
WHICH INCLUDED THE FORMATION OF AN INTERMINISTERIAL
COMMITTEE FOR CONTROL OF NARCOTIC MATTERS. THE AMEND-
MENTS PROVIDED VARIOUS OTHER NEEDED REFORMS TO ENHANCE THE
ENFORCEMENT OF NARCOTICS LAWS AND PROVIDE MACHINERY
NEEDED FOR SUCH ENFORCEMENT.

B. ABUSE: THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN
DRUG ABUSE WITHIN ECUADOR. THE USE OF MARIJUANA IS
PREVALENT AND IN SOME INSTANCES IT IS MIXED WITH COCAINE
BASE AND SMOKED. THE GOE STILL CONSIDERS THE USE OF
MARIJUANA VERY SERIOUS, ARRESTING MANY LOWER CLASS
USERS AND MARIJUANA PEDDLERS, BUT IGNORING UPPER
CLASS YOUTH WHO MAY BE INVOLVED.

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C. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING: THERE IS CULTIVATION
OF COCA PLANTS, OPIUM POPPIES AND MARIJUANA WITHIN
ECUADOR. THE BASIC PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS NOT THE
CULTIVATION OF ANY NARCOTIC PRODUCT BUT RATHER, THE
PROCESSING OF COCA PASTE INTO COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE.
RUMORS STILL PERSIST OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION IN
THE SIERRA AND DEA IS PURSUING THIS TO DETERMINE IF IT
IS A MAJOR PROBLEM. (SEE ALSO QUITO 0045.) MARIJUANA
IS CULTIVATED BUT FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION RATHER THAN
EXPORT. 90 PERCENT OF ALL COCAINE PROCESSED IN ECUADOR
IS FROM PERUVIAN COCAINE PASTE, SMUGGLED INTO ECUADOR.
THERE ARE SEVERAL TYPES OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS CONCOCTED
IN THE ORIENTE BUT THEY ARE USED ONLY BY THE VARIOUS
INDIAN TRIBES NATIVE TO THAT AREA.

D. TRAFFICKING TRENDS: COCAINE TRAFFICKING APPEARS
TO BE THE MAJOR NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN ECUADOR. PERUVIAN
COCAINE PASTE CONTINUES TO BE SMUGGLED INTO ECUADOR OVER
THE SOUTHERN BORDER AND A "LARGE" AMOUNT IS CONVERTED
INTO COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE IN THE MANY CLANDESTINE

LABORATORIES LOCATED IN THE COASTAL AREAS AND AT TIMES, THE SIERRA. LARGE AMOUNTS OF PERUVIAN COCAINE PASTE ALSO PASS OVERLAND INTO COLOMBIA FOR PROCESSING. THE COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE PROCESSED IN ECUADOR IS SMUGGLED INTO COLOMBIA, MEXICO AND EVENTUALLY INTO THE US. THE COURIER SYSTEM IS STILL THE MOST FAVORED WAY, BUT LARGE AMOUNTS GO OUT BY SEA AND AIR, CONCEALED WITHIN LEGITIMATE CARGO, DIRECTLY TO THE SOUTHEASTERN AND EASTERN UNITED STATES. ECUADOR WAS INITIALLY SOMEWHAT SLOW TO MOVE ON THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM, PREFERRING TO MOVE AGAINST THE SMALL TIME MARIJUANA PEDDLER RATHER THAN THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKER WHO AFFECTS THE US. HOWEVER, SINCE AUGUST 1974, THERE HAS BEEN INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN DEA AND THE NATIONAL POLICE, RESULTING IN THE DEMOBILIZATION OF SEVERAL WORTHWHILE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKERS, INCLUDING SEVERAL CHEMISTS. ADDITIONALLY MANY CHEMISTS HAVE LEFT ECUADOR, PREFERRING TO LOCATE OPERATIONS IN COLOMBIA.

E. REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL COOPERATION: THERE HAS BEEN NO ECUADOREAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. ECUADOR IS A SIGNATORY OF THE SINGLE CONVENTION. COOPERATION WITH COLOMBIAN AND PERUVIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS HAS NOT BEEN AS GOOD AS IT MIGHT BE. HOWEVER, A STRONG INTEREST IN IMPROVING THIS COOPERATION HAS BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE HEAD OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS SERVICE.

F. EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES: IN THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT EMBASSY AND GOE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL HAVE INITIATED A SERIES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS WHICH HAVE HEIGHTENED GOE INTEREST IN THE PROBLEM AND IMPROVED COORDINATION WITHIN THE GOE. THIS IMPORTANT EVENT WAS A RESULT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S VISIT IN AUGUST WITH THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT AND POLICE DURING WHICH THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM WAS DISCUSSED. THE NEW NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL POLICE IS UNDER DISCUSSION NOW.

G. THE QUITO NARCOTIC UNIT IN A SERIES OF MAJOR SEIZURES INVOLVING MAJOR COCAINE TRAFFICKERS SEIZED IN EXCESS OF 94 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND TWO LABORATORIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WHILE GUAYAQUIL IN A SIMILAR SERIES OF INVESTIGATIONS SEIZED IN EXCESS OF 23 KILOS OF COCAINE AND 3 LABORATORIES. OTHER NARCOTIC UNITS AROUND THE COUNTRY MADE SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES INVOLVING MAJOR TRAFFICKERS, MOST NOTABLY IN CARCHI IN THE NORTH A 17 KILO SEIZURE AND LOJA IN THE SOUTH A 6 KILO SEIZURE. SEIZURE STATISTICS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD WERE: ARRESTS 714; COCAINE PLANTS DESTROYED 4,192; COCAINE SEIZED 144 KILOS; MARIJUANA SEIZED 283 KILOS. THE NATIONAL CIVIL

POLICE NARCOTIC SERVICE, SUPPORTED BY THE POLICE
NARCOTIC PROJECT PRODUCED THESE STATISTICS. THE
COCAINE SEIZURES ALONE REPRESENT A 700 PERCENT INCREASE
OVER THE FIRST HALF SEIZURES. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW
TRENDS IN COURT PROCESSING OF NARCOTIC CASES. TRAFFICK-
ERS ARE BEING TRIED, CONVICTED, AND GIVEN SENTENCES
RANGING FROM 2 TO 8 YEARS OF PRISON AS A GENERAL TREND.
NEW LEGISLATION HAS BEEN MENTIONED UNDER (A) ABOVE AS A
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT.

H. NOT APPLICABLE.

I. THE HOST GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN INCREASED INTEREST IN
SCHOOL PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO AWAKEN AWARENESS OF THE
DANGERS OF USING NARCOTICS.

3. A REVIEW OF THE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS SUBMITTED BY
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